

STATUS OF THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listing, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (previously presented) A carrier system for transporting equipment, said carrier system comprising:
 - a vehicle having a cargo bed having a bottom surface and side surfaces;
 - at least one elongated frame member mounted on said cargo bed in direct contact with said cargo bed to form a low profile system;
 - a slot formed in said at least one elongated frame member;
 - an inverted rim extending along at least one edge of said slot; and
 - equipment mounting hardware having at least one indent for engaging said inverted rim to attach said equipment mounting hardware on said at least one elongated frame member.
2. (canceled)
3. (previously presented) The carrier system of claim 1 wherein said at least one carrier surface in said cargo bed includes:
 - a truck bed on said vehicle.
4. (canceled)
5. (canceled)
6. (amended) The carrier system of claim 1 wherein said slot includes:
 - a C shaped slot.
7. (previously presented) The carrier system of claim 1 wherein said slot includes:
 - a C shaped slot; and

a spring nut contained in said C shaped slot for attaching said equipment mounting hardware to said elongated frame member.

8. (previously presented) The carrier system of claim 1 wherein said equipment mounting hardware includes:

sports equipment mounting hardware.

9. (previously presented) The carrier system of claim 1 wherein said equipment mounting hardware includes:

cargo mounting hardware.

10. (previously presented) The carrier system of claim 1 wherein said equipment mounting hardware includes:

at least one hook for attaching cargo securing devices.

11. (previously presented) The carrier system of claim 1 wherein said equipment mounting hardware includes:

at least one loop for attaching cargo securing devices.

12. (previously presented) The carrier system of claim 1 wherein said equipment mounting hardware includes:

hardware for attaching a compartment to said elongated frame member.

13. (New) A carrier system for securing equipment to a vehicle surface, said carrier system comprising:

at least one elongated frame member mounted on a vehicle carrier surface;

an open slot formed in said at least one elongated frame member;

a releasable fitting which can be sliding moved within said frame member along said open slot and then fixed in position; and

said releasable fitting is releasable from said frame member by twisting and then removing said fitting in a direction approximately perpendicular to said frame member.

14. (New) The carrier system of claim 13 wherein said fitting includes: equipment mounting hardware.

15. (New) The carrier system of claim 13 wherein said fitting includes: cargo mounting hardware.

16. (New) The carrier system of claim 13 wherein said fitting includes: cargo hooks for tying down cargo.

17. (New) The carrier system of claim 13 wherein said fitting includes: cargo loops for tying down cargo.

18. (New) The carrier system of claim 13 wherein the vehicle carrier surface includes:
a pick-up bed.

19. (New) The carrier system of claim 13 wherein the vehicle carrier surface includes:
a vehicle rooftop.

20. (New) The carrier system of claim 13 wherein the vehicle carrier surface includes:
a trailer.

21. (New) The carrier system of claim 13 wherein the vehicle carrier surface includes:
a receiver mounted platform.

22. (New) A carrier system for use on a truck for transporting cargo, said carrier system comprising:

a truck having a bed;
at least one frame member mounted on said bed;
an open slot extending along said at least one frame member;
a releasable fitting that is slidable along said at least one frame member;
a securing mechanism for securing said releasable fitting at a desired position along said at least one frame member;

 said releasable fitting is affixed to said at least one frame member inserting said releasable fitting in said open slot of said at least one frame member and rotating said fitting in said open slot to prevent said releasable fitting from exiting said at least one frame member; and

 said releasable fitting is removable from said at least one frame member by twisting and then removing said releasable fitting in a direction approximately perpendicular to said at least one frame member.

22. (New) The carrier system of claim 13 wherein said fitting includes:
equipment mounting hardware.

23. (New) The carrier system of claim 13 wherein said fitting includes:
cargo mounting hardware.

24. (New) The carrier system of claim 13 wherein said fitting includes:
cargo hooks for tying down cargo.

25. (New) The carrier system of claim 13 wherein said fitting includes:
cargo loops for tying down cargo.